

# **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**



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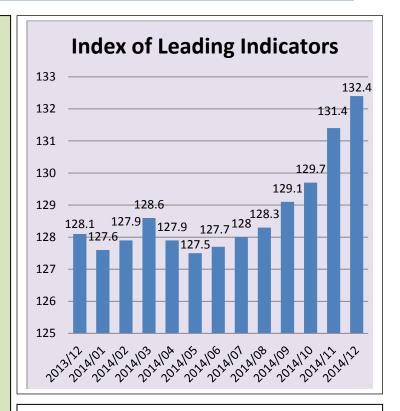
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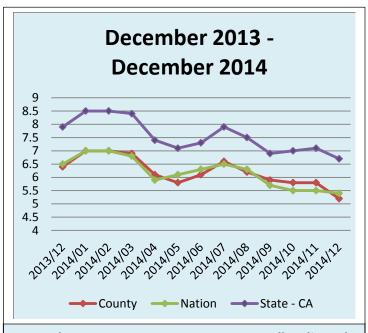
The County of San Diego's Economic Indicators report is on the web and can be accessed at:

http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/fg3/reiindex.html



### **Index of Leading Indicators**

The USD Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County rose a strong 1.3 percent in November and followed it with a solid 0.8 percent gain in December. San Diego's economy did well in 2014, with jobs increasing by about 34,000 (before revisions). With the strong uptrend in the indicators and with most of them positive, the forecast is for continued growth in the local economy at least through the end of 2015. The forecast for the year ahead is for job growth in the 35,000 to 40,000 range, which will drive the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate below 5 percent.



### Unemployment Rate Percent – not seasonally adjusted

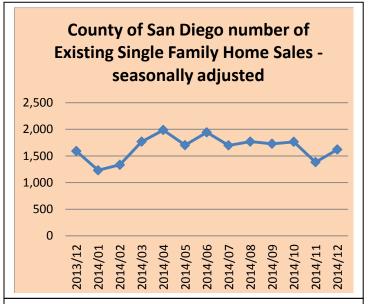
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Employment**

The unemployment rate in San Diego County dropped to 5.2 percent in December from 5.8 percent in November. The number of employment slightly decreased over the month from 1,365,000 to 1,364,600, a 0.03 percent decrease. The County's unemployment rate is below the 6.4 percent rate recorded December of last year.

The seasonally unadjusted December unemployment rate in the State of California decreased to 6.7 percent from 7.1 percent in November. The State's unemployment rate is below the 7.9 percent rate recorded a year ago.

The U.S. seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate dropped slightly to 5.4 percent in December from 5.5 percent in November.

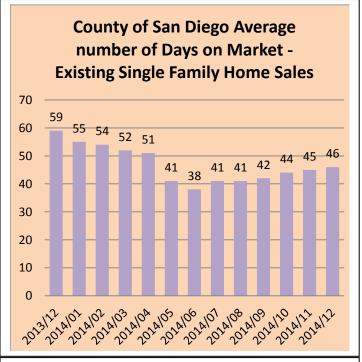


Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **HOUSING MARKET**

### **Number of Existing Single Family Home Sales**

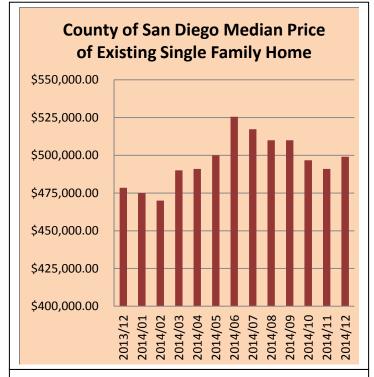
In December, 1,620 homes were sold in San Diego County, an increase of 1.8 percent from the 1,591 homes sold in December 2013.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

## Average Days on the Market – Existing Single Family Homes Sales

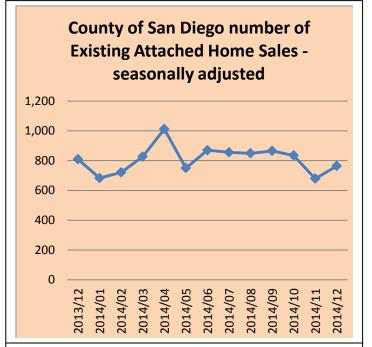
On average, homes that sold in San Diego County in December were on the marker for 46 days, only 7 days faster than the 52-day average in December 2013.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Median Price of Existing Single Family Home**

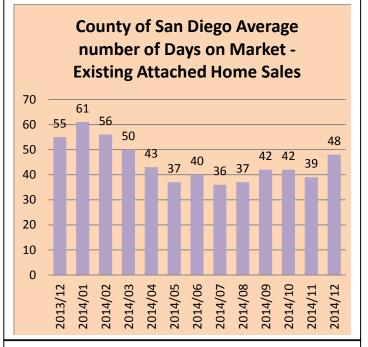
In December, the Median Price of a Detached Single Family Home in San Diego County was \$499,000, an increase of 4.3 percent from the December 2013 median price of \$478,500. It decreased compared to the prior month (November 2014) amount of \$491,000. Compared to the annual 2013 average median price of \$458,838, the December price increased 8.8%.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Number of Existing Attached Home Sales**

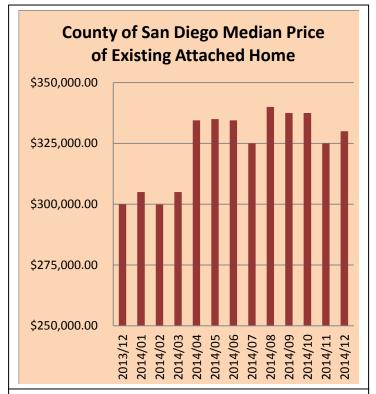
In December, 764 homes were sold in San Diego County, a decrease of 5.6 percent from the 809 homes sold in December 2013.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### Average Days on the Market – Attached Homes Sales

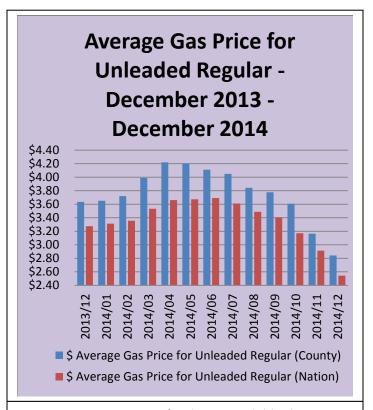
On average, homes that sold in San Diego County in December were on the marker for 48 days, 7 days faster than the 52-day average in December 2013.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Median Price of Existing Attached Home**

In December, the Median Price of Attached Family Homes in San Diego County was \$330,000, an increase of 10.0 percent from the December 2013 median price of \$300,000. It increased compared to the prior month (November 2014) amount of \$325,000. Compared to the annual 2013 average median price of \$291,000, the December price increased 13.4%.

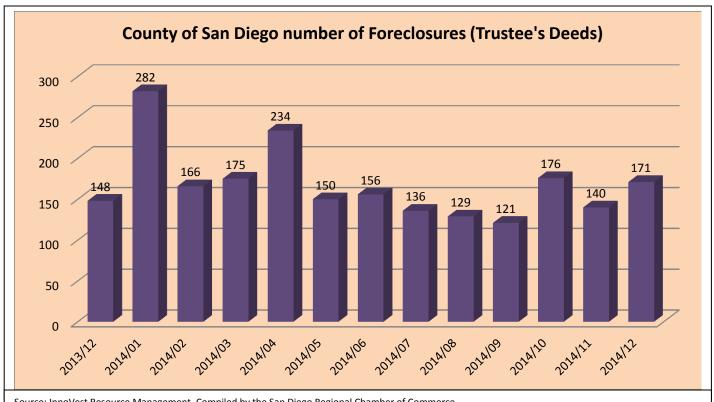


Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Average Gas Price for Unleaded Regular**

The average gas price per gallon for unleaded regular in San Diego County was 10.4 percent lower in December (\$2.84) from November (\$3.17) and it's 21.8 percent lower compared to December 2013 (\$3.63).

The US average gas price per gallon for unleaded regular was 12.7 percent lower in December (\$2.54) from November (\$2.91) and it's 22.6 percent lower compared to December 2013 (\$3.28).



### Source: InnoVest Resource Management. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

#### **Foreclosures**

The number of foreclosures in San Diego County during the month of December was 171, an increase of 15.5 percent from the 148 foreclosures during December 2013.